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July 1, 2013

TO: Mr. Clayton Wong, Fiscal Officer

FROM: Kimberly Ribellia, Executive Assistant/Chief of Staff
Office of Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin

RE: 2013 HSAC Conference Trip Report

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim", is written over the "FROM:" line of the email header.

Attached is the report and findings of the HSAC Conference in Kaua'i County, June 20-21, 2013.

If you have questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to call me directly.

Attachment

Thursday, June 20, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

❖ HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

- Executive Committee discussed the following:
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Reports from each county
 - NACo Report – Provided update on upcoming conference in Ft. Worth, Texas
 - WIR Report
- New Business
 - Communications:
 - Committee noted communication from Maui County approving the FY2014 HSAC Proposed Annual Budget and the slate of officers for HSAC, NACo Board of Directors and WIR appointees.
 - Committee noted communication from Kaua'i County approving the slate of officers for HSAC, NACo Board of Directors and WIR appointees.
 - Discussion on HSAC Legislative Package deadlines:
 - August 30, 2013 – Deadline to receive proposals from each County to be included in the HSAC package.
 - September 13, 2013 – HSAC Executive Committee Meeting to discuss and act on all proposals submitted by Counties.
 - November 8, 2013 – Deadline for the Counties to approve the proposed 2014 HSAC Legislative Package
 - November 22, 2013 – HSAC Executive Committee Meeting to approve the final 2014 HSAC Legislative Package.
 - Discussion on Bi-Annual Meeting:
 - Committee discussed the possibility of conducting two conferences to meet and discuss various issues that affect all counties.
 - Committee decided to have a General Membership meeting in October, most likely in Honolulu. The meeting will provide counties to discuss legislation/issues prior to the finalization of the HSAC package.
 - Discussion on NACo Prescription Drug Marketing Fee
 - Committee highlighted the different counties' participation in the NACo Prescription Drug program. Honolulu County has the largest percentage of participation. Hawai'i County saw the largest percentage increase in participation over last year.
- Next Meeting:
 - Next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2013 in Maui County

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

❖ **HSAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

- Adoption of Treasurer's Report
- Adoption of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- Adoption of Executive Committee Reports
- NEW BUSINESS
 - Approved changes to HSAC Bylaws relating to travel expenses
 - Amends the definition of "travel expenses" to include ground transportation, i.e. car rental, taxi and bus fare.
 - Approved the 2014 HSAC Operating Budget of \$160,117.
 - Approved the 2014 HSAC Legislative Package timeline.
 - Discussion on hiring a HSAC lobbyist.
 - Committee would like to pursue further the idea of hiring a HSAC lobbyist. Committee decided to continue the conversation on hiring a lobbyist at the next HSAC meeting.
 - Lobbyist would be responsible for tracking legislation and prepare testimony.
- ELECTION OF OFFICERS
 - Approved the HSAC Slate of Officers for FY14
 - President Mel Rapozo, Kaua'i County Council
 - Vice President Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, Hawai'i County Council
 - Secretary Stanley Chang, City & County of Honolulu
 - Treasurer Michael P. Victorino, Maui County Council
 - NACo Board of Director
 - Michael Victorino, Maui County Council
 - Gary Hooser, Kaua'i County Council
 - WIR Board of Directors
 - Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, Hawaii County Hawai'i
 - Mel Rapozo, Kaua'i County Council

Friday, June 21, 2013
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

❖ **WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS**

- Guest Speakers:
 - Hon. Chris Rodgers, President, NACo
 - Hon. Shan Tsutsui, Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i
 - Hon. Bernard Carvalho, Jr., Mayor, Kaua'i County
 - Hon. Jay Furfaro, Council Chair, Kaua'i County Council

- Mr. Rodger provided an update on NACo's efforts in Washington, D.C.
 - He specifically discussed the challenges municipal governments may face if Congress decides to remove the tax exemptions for municipal bonds.
 - He also spoke about the reduction of funding for CDBG in the T-HUD bill.
- Lt. Gov. Tsutsui stated his support for the Counties and looks forward to fostering more relationships with county officials.
- Mayor Carvalho and Council Chair Furfaro welcomed all of the participants to Kaua'i.

Thursday, June 23, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

❖ **PANEL 1: IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING THE HOST CULTURE**

- Guest Speakers:
 - Mr. Robbie Kaholokula, Cultural Specialist
 - Ms. Stella Burgess, Manager of Hawaiian Culture, Grand Hyatt Kaua'i Resort and Spa
 - Ms. Kehaulani Kekua, Kumu Hula, Halau Palaihiwa O Kaipuwai
- Speakers discussed various issues relating to preserving the host culture when considering development.
- Each speaker stressed how it is important to understand the history of the land and community when developing the area.
 - Speakers noted that it is important to follow Native Hawaiian protocol, place names, cultural practices and traditions, and understand of Native Hawaiian issues.

10:25 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

❖ **PANEL 2: NATURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION**

- Guest Speakers:
 - Ms. Ruby Pap, Seagrant Coastal Land Use Agent, University of Hawai'i
 - Ms. Malia Chow, Superintendent, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
 - Mr. Randy Wichman, Natural Resources & Historic Preservationist
 - Ms. Nani Sadora, Open Space Commission Specialist, County of Kaua'i, Planning Department

- Ms. Pap talked about coastal zone planning for Kaua'i County.
 - Kaua'i County is conducting a shoreline management study to assist with updating the General Plan.
 - The study will look at the type of impact a rise in sea level will have on the County and how it impacts the current evacuation zones, roads, and residential property.
- Ms. Malia Chow, NOAA, talked about the National Marine Sanctuary
 - Ms. Chow stated that the sanctuary can't succeed without the support of the state government.
 - Ms. Chow explained that her organization is focused on protecting humpback whales and their habitat.
 - The Marine Sanctuary created a community base advisory council which includes a representation of each island.
 - The council met for a year and developed over 150 recommendations in 4 categories.
- Ms. Nani Sadora provided an update on Kaua'i County's Natural Resources Preservation Fund Commission
 - Commission was created by the County Charter in 2002.
 - In 2003, Kaua'i County Council adopted an ordinance to establish commission.
 - Commission consists of 9 members.
 - Mayor appointees and Council appointees by district
 - Each fiscal year, 0.05% of real property revenue is set aside for the preservation fund.
 - In 2012, the voters increased the percentage of RPT from 0.5% to 1.5%.
 - Currently, the fund totals \$1.9 million.
 - The Commission provides a biennial list of priority recommendations to be considered by Kaua'i County.
 - In non-reporting year, the commission focuses on the acquisition of recommended and approved projects.

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 pm

❖ **LUNCH**

- **Keynote Speakers: Ms. Camille Kalama, Staff Attorney, Native Hawaiian Legal Counsel**
 - Ms. Kalama discussed Department of Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiary issues, water rights and kuleana land access rights.

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

❖ **PANEL 3: AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION**

- Guest Speakers:
 - Mr. Jerry Ornelles, President, Kaua'i County Farm Bureau
 - Mr. Tom Shigemoto, Vice President, A & B Properties, Inc.
 - Mr. Daryl Kaneshiro, Kaua'i Rancher, Omao Ranch Lands
 - Ms. Luisa Wooton, Owner, Kaua'i Kunana Dairy
- Speakers discussed a variety of topics related to agriculture and government regulations.
- Speakers stressed the need for county officials to recognize that enacting laws may have unintended consequences, i.e. economic impacts of additional regulations.
- Speakers also recognize the need to protect the environment, yet the additional regulations placed on the operations of the farmer have a huge impact on the farmer's bottom line.
- Speakers also noted that legislators need to treat each island differently when considering legislation.

2:25 p.m. – 3:40 pm

❖ **PANEL 4: KAUAI CULTURAL ASSETS**

- Guest Speaker:
 - Ms. Janet Kahalekomo, Hanapepe Saltmaker & Cultural Practitioner
 - Mr. Canen Ho'okano, Cultural Practitioner, Hui Malama O Kaneiolouma
 - Mr. Presley Wann, President, Hui Maka'aina O Makana
 - Mr. David Burney, Director of Conservation, National Tropical Botanical Garden
- Speakers highlighted the various cultural assets of Kaua'i.
 - Ms. Kahalekomo discussed the importance of preserving the Hanapepe Salt Pans
 - Mr. Ho'okano discussed the restoration of Kahua o Kaneiolouma in Poipu, Kauai.
 - The ancient Hawaiian village will become a cultural center.
 - Mr. Wann discussed the mission of Hui Maka'aina O Makana which is to preserve the Hawaiian culture and the protection of the natural and cultural resources located within the Haena State Park.
 - Mr. Burney discussed his experience as the Director of Conservation at the National Tropical Botanical Garden.

- He stated that the Makauwahi Cave is one of the richest fossil sites on earth.

3:50 p.m. – 4:50 pm

❖ **PANEL 5: EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES WITH HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION**

- Guest Speakers:
 - Ms. Breann Nu'uhiwa, Chief Advocate, Office of Hawaiian Affairs
 - Ms. Jobie Masagatani, Chair, Department of Hawaiian Homelands
 - Mr. Lance Keawe Wilhelm, Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Trustees, Kamehameha Schools
 - Mr. Mauna Kea Trask, Kauai Representative, Kaua'i-Ni'ihau Island Burial Council
- Ms. Nu'uhiwa discussed OHA's diversity. She explained that as Chief Advocate, she is responsible for monitoring actions of government.
 - OHA has six priorities and developed strategic plans to reach OHA's long-term and short-term goals.
 - Some of the short-term goals are improving the health of native Hawaiians, continuing efforts to provide educational opportunities and economic self-sufficiency.
 - Other priorities are preserving the island's natural resources such as land and water, achieving self-governance and preserving the Hawaiian culture.
- Ms. Masagatani discussed DHHL's efforts to expand opportunities for native Hawaiians.
 - Ms. Masagatani highlighted the amount of land owned by DHHL on each island and described DHHL's effort to provide more housing to native Hawaiians.
 - She did note the largest challenge for DHHL is the demand for housing on Oahu given that Oahu has the least amount of lands available.
 - Ms. Masagatani stated that DHHL wants to be good neighbors and establish a better partnership with the Counties and the State.
- Mr. Wilhelm highlighted Kamehameha Schools' (KS) efforts to expand their reach and efforts to improve its land and cultural resource management.
 - Mr. Wilhelm discussed KS' effort to balance educational, cultural, economic, environmental and community returns through effective land and resource management.

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- KS is working towards creating natural and cultural resources stewardship programs that protect and enhance native ecosystems and ancestral landscapes.
- KS is also integrating Hawaiian cultural values in resource management practices that promote a relationship of stewardship.

4:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

❖ **CLOSING REMARKS**

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: JUNE 24, 2013

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Traveler: KIMBERLY RIBELLIA
Event: 2013 HSAC CONFERENCE - LIHUE, KAUAI
Location: LIHUE, KAUAI
Dates: From 06/20/13 To 06/21/2013

| Description | Amount | Notes: |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1. Registration Fee | 225.00 <i>205.00</i> | \$205 HSAC conf. fee and \$20 salt pan tour (Chair Martin and myself) |
| 2. Airfare | | |
| 3. Hotel | | |
| 4. Meals | 24.42 | |
| 5. Ground Transportation | | |
| 6. Tips | 5.00 | For airport shuttle driver - to and from Lihue airport |
| 7. Other | 21.26 | Computer/Fax charges for procurement docs for Chair's signature |
| Other | | |
| Other | <i>20.00</i> | |
| 8. Adjustment | | |
| TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT | 275.68 | |

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:

Kimberly Ribellia
Signature of Traveler

6/24/2013
Date